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LESSONS FROM THE FIRE

Monday's night fire which destroyed the school building should teach St. Helens valuable lessons. The first one is that all school buildings of two stories or more, should be of fireproof construction. The fire, if from causes other than the work of an incendiary, might as well have occurred in the day time when the building was crowded with hundreds of school children, many of them little ones, and there might have been fatalities. Fire spreads rapidly in large frame buildings and no matter how well drilled are the children, it would be a difficult matter to get all of them out of the building safely.

Another lesson which has been taught is that St. Helens needs and must have a well organized, well drilled and well equipped fire department. Considering the disadvantages under which the fire boys worked, they did well, but they would have accomplished more if there had not been so many well meaning persons, who tried to take charge of the fire fighting. The fire chief should be in sole charge, and his force of men should act directly under his orders. By-standers should not butt-in on the fire fighting work unless they are called upon and assigned by the chief or some member of the department to some special work. The fire department appreciates the help of the volunteer, but they do not appreciate that help when it is directly opposite to the orders given by the chief. This was the case Monday night and possibly, if it had not been the case, the building would have been saved. This applies from the highest city official down to the humblest resident of the town.

Another lesson that has been taught is that insurance is a needed protection and public buildings should have this protection as well as privately owned ones. The school building cost at least \$24,000 and only \$12,000 insurance was carried. Whoever had charge of this matter was neglectful of his duty. At the least possible estimate \$8000 loss stares the taxpayers in the face and half of the amount is loss on account of not carrying sufficient insurance. A burned child dreads the fire and it is to be hoped that since the taxpayers have been singed quite seriously this time, every effort will be made to prevent a repetition.

DID YOU GIVE ANYTHING.

When Liberty Loan drives comes around, oftentime one hears the remark, "Well, I gave so much in the last loan and I can't give much this time." To hear a remark like this makes one wonder at the ignorance of the speaker. In buying Liberty Bonds, the purchaser gives nothing. He purchases, on easy terms, if he so desires, a promissory note or first mortgage of the United States, running for a definite length of time and drawing a legitimate rate of interest. There is not the least chance of loss, and the transaction is simply this; put your money in government bonds and the government will pay the face value of the bond at the end of 20 years, or earlier if it chooses and pay the purchaser interest at semi-annual intervals. Where is the "giving" in this straightforward business dealing.

However, there are some, yes, thousands and even millions, who are giving. The thousands of newly made graves in France are the graves of those who have given, the thousands of lonely American hearth-sides, are those who have given and the thousands of mothers and wives who wait for those who will ne'er return are those who have given.

There's a difference between a giver and a lender.

Now is a good time for the alien who is enjoying the peace and prosperity of this country to show that he appreciates the good home red-blooded citizens of the United States have made for him. If he can't or won't fight, he can buy Liberty bonds.

HIS LAST FURLOUGH
(By Marlon Morton)

The twilight veils were deepening. The birds had gone to rest. And a mother sat by the window. Like a bird with an empty nest. The little blue star in the window meant her joy, her hope, her love; And she prayed to that Great Father Who is listening there above: "Oh, keep him safe, dear Father, And bring him back to me When he has done his duty For the world and liberty. And if my blue star turns golden, Oh, make me brave to bear; Make me true, proud and courageous For my son, who is over there."

"And now, Great One, who watches Over the battle and home, Over the rolling prairies And over the ocean's foam, Over the little white crosses Where the white French lilies grow, Welcome him when he comes to you On his last furlough." She who had watched his strengthen, She who had watched him grow; She wondered tonight, how she wondered, If he'd gone on his last furlough.

NO REAL SACRIFICE

Not one Liberty Bond buyer in 50 has made a real sacrifice in order to purchase a bond, if St. Helens may be taken as an example. Come down town any Saturday evening and you will see the crowds on the street pleasure bent. The hundreds of automobiles taking loads of people hither and thither is evidence that the automobile owner has not made the sacrifice of the price of a tire, or the price of a tank of gasoline. The crowds in the shows, the pool rooms, cigar stores and confectionaries, all of whom are spending money for luxuries is a further proof that no real pleasure is being overlooked on account of buying Liberty Bonds. This statement is not made with a view of criticizing those who wish to spend money for luxuries and pleasures, but with the object in view to make you realize that you have made no real sacrifice in order to buy bonds. You have bought them out of the money you could easily spare and if your financial condition is now such that you do not think you can afford to buy bonds of the Fourth Loan, ask yourself this question, "Have I made one thousandth part the sacrifice that any of the boys 'over there' are expected to make?" Be your own judge and if you decide as your conscience dictates, you will go and buy bonds and then make it a point to do without some little luxury so you can meet your bond payments regularly.

ENTOMOLOGISTS IN "COOTIE" FIGHT

Scientists of the bureau of entomology, United States department of agriculture, are conducting extensive work designed to find a preventive or exterminator for body lice, the "cooties" of the war zone. They are working to add to the knowledge of how to repel, kill, or drive away the tiny parasite on which world-wide attention was centered by the war. The scientists, in addition to watching "cooties" as they pass through the stages of their existence, are testing chemicals to learn their destructive action on lice, their effect on human bodies, and their penetration of clothing. Also, they are co-operating with army officers in testing laundering and delousing processes.

AND THEY DO NOT STRIKE

Those shipyard workers of Portland who insist on having their half holiday and have taken it for the past two Saturdays, should read the letter of Harold S. Mantion, a Portland boy fighting in France. The letter was published in the Journal, September 16th and said, in part: "We are now having rest. Good beds to sleep in now. Last night was the first time I had my clothes off for three weeks and I also had my first bath. I spent two nights in 'No Man's Land' building entanglements. These were the most quiet nights we had as all the shells passed over us. We got only one meal a day, about — in the morning and we had from four to six hours sleep out of each 24. We had a hard time with the constant shelling and I must have lost nearly 30 pounds, as my clothes are just hanging on." The letter didn't say anything about striking for a 44 hours per week job.

Young Seffert in writing to his mother and speaking of the battles with the Huns says "we did the best we could." If they had been real fresh when thrown into the fray, he thought they could have done better, but they "did all they could." When debating with yourself as to your purchase of Liberty Bonds, ask yourself if you can say as did the young Deer Island soldier that you have done all you could.

The people didn't vote for a float, they voted to build a city dock.

In the Back



BANK STATEMENT

Charter No. 10992 Reserve District No. 12
Report of Condition of
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SCAPPOOSE
at Scappoose, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business on August 31st, 1918.

RESOURCES

1. a. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, (except those shown in b and c)	\$69,494.32	\$ 69,494.32
b. Total loans		1184.62
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$ none; unsecured,		
3. U. S. Bonds (other than Liberty Bonds, but not including U. S. certificates of indebtedness):		
a. U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	25,000.00	
f. U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged	3,000.00	28,000.00
6. Liberty Loan Bonds:		
a. Liberty Loan Bonds, 3 1/2, 4 and 4 1/4 per cent, unpledged	500.00	
d. Liberty Loan Bonds, 3 1/2, 4 and 4 1/4 per cent, pledged to secure State or other deposits or bills payable	3,000.00	3,500.00
7. Bonds, securities, etc. (other than U. S.):		
c. Bonds and securities pledged as collateral for State or other deposits (postal excluded) or bills payable	4,000.00	
e. Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	8,991.89	
Total bonds, securities, etc., other than U. S.		12,991.89
9. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		800.00
10. a. Value of banking house	5,900.00	
b. Equity in banking house		5,900.00
11. Furniture and fixtures		1,995.00
12. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		6,581.46
15. Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks		13,452.28
19. Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items		850.59
20. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		1,250.00
21. Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due		800.00
22. War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned		284.92
Total		\$146,085.08

LIABILITIES

24. Capital stock paid in	25,000.00	
25. Surplus fund		230.00
26. a. Undivided profits	1,422.23	
b. Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	1,169.45	252.78
27. Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)		800.00
30. Circulating notes outstanding		25,000.00
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):		
24. Individual deposits subject to check		63,805.25
25. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than money borrowed)		2,241.43
27. Cashier's checks outstanding		435.57
28. State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank		15,878.80
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):		
42. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)		8,192.00
43. State, county or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank		3,850.00
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44 and 45		12,042.00
46. United States deposits (other than postal savings):		
56. Liabilities other than those above stated ..		399.25
Total		\$146,085.08

State of Oregon, County of Columbia:—ss.

I, D. Crowley, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
D. CROWLEY, Cashier.

CORREST—Attest:

J. G. WATTS,
J. S. MANN,
S. M. MANN,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of September, 1918.
(SEAL) R.J. BURLEY, Notary Public.
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Warren	7:45	1:45
Scappoose	8:00	2:00
Ar. Portland	9:20	3:20
Lv. Portland	10:00	4:00
Ar. St. Helens	11:50	5:50
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